

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1187

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, TC  
SUBJ: DAS ISLAND GAS LIQUEFACTION BESET WITH STILL MORE PROBLEMS

REF: ABU DHABI 726

1. MANAGERS OF ABU DHABI GAS LIQUEFACTION PLAN HAVE TOLD  
AMBASSADOR THAT IN LAST TWO DAYS GAS LEAK HAS BEEN DISCOVERED  
IN SECOND LNG STORAGE TANK. FIRST LNG TANK IS STILL BEING  
DEGASSIFIED PRIOR TO INJECTION OF INERT NITROGEN GAS A PERMIT  
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WORKMEN TO DISMANTLE AND ENTER TANK TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF LEAK  
REPORTED IN PREVIOUS REFTEL.

2. AT MOMENT, LNG TANKER IS BEING LOADED AND ADGLC EXPECTS  
THAT LOADING CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS OF  
SAFETY. WHILE GAS LEAK IN SECOND LNG STORAGE TANK IS SMALL  
AT MOMENT, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN WHETHER TO ALLOW

TANK CONTINUE TO BE USED. SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER AVAILABLE STORAGE TANK TO HOLD LNG, BOTH LNG TRAINS AT DAS ISLAND MAY SOON HAVE TO STOP PRODUCTION. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE LNG OPERATION COULD START UP AGAIN.

3. ADGLC OFFICIALS REMAIN PERPLEXED ON REASON FOR LEAKS. THEY REPORT THAT TANKS AT DAS ARE OF SAME DESIGN AS OTHER LNG STORAGE TANKS EXCEPT THAT OUTLET FOR LNG IS AT BOTTOM OF TANK RATHER THAN AT SIDE OF TANK. TECHNICAL TEAM IS NOW STUDYING WHETHER POSITION OF OUTLET COULD BE CAUSE OF PROBLEM. IF THIS WERE CASE, AND NEW OUTLET CONNECTIONS HAD TO BE BUILT, IT WOULD MEAN A MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE SHUT DOWN OF LNG OPERATION.  
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